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FOREIGN NEWS ON APPLES

THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

Prices paid for American apples at the Liverpool auction Monday, December 22, were below those of last Wednesday, with the exception of Oregon Newtowns which were about the same as last week, according to a cable from Fred A. Motz, Fruit Specialist in Europe for the Foreign Service of the Department of Agriculture. Barreled apples are now on about the same price levels as last year at this time. Boxes are selling at much lower levels than last year. Barreled apple supplies at the auction were moderate, boxes heavy. A large volume of boxed stock was withdrawn for future auction sales, most offers being passed. Mr. Motz reports that if boxed apples continue to arrive in such heavy quantities, a greater recession in price can be expected. The present low prices are also influenced by the usual holiday slump. Demand is dull on high grade, boxed fruit but inquiry for barreled stock is mainly confined to high grade fruit. This situation often arises when the market is inclined to be weak. The general condition of the fruit was good.

Supplies at London were not excessive, but buyers showed little or no interest. Prices were on about the same levels as at Liverpool. The United Kingdom markets for American apples are not expected to become active until about the middle of January. The continental markets are also slowing up. Mr. Motz states that there is too much low grade fruit on these markets. New England apples in particular have been arriving over-ripe and wasty. Such conditions have taken the confidence out of this line.

Pear prices took a decided decline from those ruling last Wednesday and are considerably below the prices paid at this time last year. Supplies were moderate and the markets inactive. The condition of the fruit was good.

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Prices paid for American fruit at Liverpool

Variety, grade and origin		Liverpool		
		1929		1930
		Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Dec. 22
<u>APPLES</u>	<u>BARRELS</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
York Imperials, Va.:				
U.S. No. 1 $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum		6.33-6.81	7.18-7.66	
U.S. No. 1 $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum		-	7.30-7.79	6.19-6.67
U.S. Commercial $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum		5.84-6.33	5.84-6.33	5.72-6.19
Comb. No. 1 and Com. $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch		-	-	5.72-6.19
Rhode Island Greenings, New York:				
U.S. No. 1 $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum		-	5.35-5.60	3.81-4.29
Baldwins, Maine:				
U.S. No. 1 $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch minimum		-	-	5.24-5.72
U.S. No. 1 $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch minimum		-	7.06-7.30	-
	<u>BASKETS</u>			
Staymans, Va.:				
U.S. Utility $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch		-	c/ 1.95	1.61
	<u>BOXES</u>			
Delicious, Wash.:				
C grade 150/175		a/ 2.55-2.80	a/ 2.07	2.02
Newtowns, Wash.:				
Extra Fancy 150/175		3.89-4.14	2.80-2.92	2.62-2.74
Fancy 150/175		3.77-4.08	-	2.26-2.50
Winesaps, Wash.:				
Fancy 188/smaller		-	2.25	2.08-2.14
C grade 188/smaller		2.19-2.49	1.95-2.07	1.97
Jonathans, Wash.:				
Extra Fancy 150/175		b/ 2.62-2.80	-	2.38-2.44
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		b/ 2.49-2.55	-	2.38
C grade 150/175		-	-	2.02
Newtowns, Oregon:				
Extra Fancy 150/175		4.26-4.38	2.68-2.86	2.62-2.86
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		3.77-4.01	2.49-2.68	2.62-2.74
Fancy 150/175		3.77-3.95	2.55-2.62	2.62
Fancy 188/smaller		3.65-4.01	2.49	2.38-2.50
Spitzenbergs, Oregon:				
Extra Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.50
Fancy 188/smaller		-	-	2.14-2.38
<u>PEARS</u>	<u>BOXES</u>			
Winter Nelis, Wash.:				
Extra Fancy		2.68-3.71	2.31-2.55	1.79-1.97
Anjous, California Fancy		-	2.92-3.16	2.20
Boscs, California Fancy		-	-	2.02
Morceans, California Fancy		-	-	1.67-1.73
Clairgeau, California Fancy		-	-	1.43
Anjou, Oregon Fancy		2.92-3.65	-	2.50-2.74

NOTE: Quotations are for fruit in good condition unless otherwise noted.

a/ Oregon. b/ Fancy. c/ grade not given.